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OPA Daily Digest for 11/12/13

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Scripps - Lawan Hamilton – 11/8/13 – Inquiry regarding the status of the Doe Run consent agreement. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

KCUR Public Radio, Kansas City – Dan Verbeck – 11/12/13 – Questions about mercury cleanups. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Des Moines Register - Push is on for Iowa to clean up its water - 11/9/13 - When Tim Smith heard about nitrates that Iowa cities were struggling to remove from drinking water he believed they were mostly coming from urban golf courses, lawns and businesses. Then he looked at tests that showed about 90 percent of the nitrogen entering his watershed was coming from farmland. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131110/BUSINESS01/311100019/0/SPORTS08/>

WOI Ch. 5 Des Moines - DNR: Farm Spilled Thousands of Gallons of Hog Manure - 11/8/13 - A southeast Iowa hog farm with a history of manure accidents has spilled thousands of gallons of manure into a Van Buren County tributary of the Des Moines River just weeks after a state inspection. <http://www.woi-tv.com/story/23919424/dnr-farm-spilled-thousands-of-gallons-of-hog-manure>

Associated Press - DNR: More than 1 pound of mercury spilled at Clinton corn plant - 11/8/13 - More than a pound of highly toxic mercury was spilled at a corn processing plant in eastern Iowa, according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. <http://www.kwwl.com/story/23919823/2013/11/08/dnr-more-than-1-pound-of-mercury-spilled-at-clinton-corn-plant>

St. Louis Public Radio - MSD Dealing With Another Sewage Spill - 11/11/13 - Crews with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District are cleaning up yet another sewage spill – this one caused by the break of a pressurized main in Creve Coeur. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/msd-dealing-another-sewage-spill>

St. Louis Examiner - Last US lead smelter closure highlights need to rescind bullet material limits - 11/11/13 - With last month's announcement that the Doe Run Company will be closing its lead smelting operation in Herculaneum, Missouri in December, America will lose its last primary lead smelter (there are still some domestic secondary smelting operations, that recycle used lead, but refining lead-bearing ore into lead bullion will be a thing of the past in the U.S.) <http://www.examiner.com/article/last-us-lead-smelter-closure-highlights-need-to-rescind-bullet-material-limits>

Ozark Public Radio (Springfield, Mo.) - On Proposed Landfill, CU Says They Won't "Jeopardize the Environment" - 11/8/13 - Representatives with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and City Utilities addressed about 50 citizens Thursday evening on a proposed coal ash landfill in Springfield. The public awareness meeting was preceded earlier that day by press conferences highlighting possible environmental dangers of the site. <http://ksmu.org/article/proposed-landfill-cu-says-they-won-t-jeopardize-environment-71743>

Kansas City Star - Biofuel industry renews push to make ethanol from plant waste - 11/11/13 - After false starts and outright failures, some major companies are betting there's still a future in making ethanol out of such things as switchgrass, wheat straw, garbage and the stalks of corn. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/11/11/4613077/biofuel-industry-renews-push-to.html>

Radio Iowa - Vilsack says EPA has "difficult task" setting ethanol production standard for 2014 - 11/8/13 - U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack suggests boosting the percentage of ethanol blended into gasoline should be the top priority for the nation's ethanol industry. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/11/08/vilsack-says-epa-has-difficult-task-setting-ethanol-production-standard-for-2014/>

Rolla Daily News - Congressman Jason Smith: EPA Wants to Turn the Lights out on Rural America - 11/8/13 - Rural communities in Missouri rely heavily on coal-fired energy to power their homes, businesses and farms. In fact, over 80% of Missouri's power is generated by coal-fired power plants. <http://www.therolladailynews.com/article/20131108/NEWS/131108964/-1/news>

Nebraska Radio Network - Senators to EPA: hold hearing where coal is actually used (AUDIO) - 11/12/13 - Nebraska's United States Senators have written the Environmental Protection Agency, asking the agency to hold a listening session in Nebraska on how proposed carbon regulations would impact electricity costs. <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2013/11/12/senators-to-epa-hold-hearing-where-coal-is-actually-used-audio/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Letter: I want my future back - 11/12/13 - My uncle does not follow politics or pay much attention to current events and is not involved or interested in debates about climate change. Instead, he watches the changing seasons and the patterns of wildlife on his rural tract of land. Like many people, he has noticed a change and he is concerned. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/columns/i-want-my-future-back/article_72bcd81-8717-5eab-afcb-b89e29f54e8f.html

American Coalition for Ethanol (release) - ACE calls on Associated Press to correct or retract error - 11/11/13 - The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) is calling on the Associated Press (AP) today to correct or retract an error-filled story scheduled to run in many AP news outlets tomorrow. http://ethanol.org/pdf/contentmgmt/ACE_blasts_AP_11112013_.pdf

Fuels America - What the AP Got Wrong on Ethanol - 11/11/13 - The Associated Press just released a one-sided story on renewable fuel's impact on the environment, and it's full of the same misinformation and falsehoods that ethanol detractors have been repeating for years. <http://www.fuelsamerica.org/blog/entry/what-the-ap-got-wrong-on-ethanol>

Des Moines Register - Vilsack gives Iowa a nudge on water issues - 11/9/13 - Gov. Terry Branstad and his administration are missing an opportunity to jump-start efforts to improve Iowa lakes and streams, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Friday. http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311090038&nclink_check=1

Biofuels Digest - Iowa farmers blast AP ethanol story, allege bias, misrepresentation - 11/11/13 - "The AP story is more like an extended Environmental Working Group blog post under the guise of investigative journalism," stated IRFA Executive Director Monte Shaw. <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/11/11/iowa-farmers-blast-ap-ethanol-story-allege-bias-misrepresentation/>

National Hog Farmer - Congressmen Urge EPA to Lower RFS Ethanol Requirement - 11/11/13 - More than 160 members of the House of Representatives have sent a letter to

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy urging her to consider a fair and meaningful adjustment to the ethanol mandate in the Renewable Fuels Standard. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/business/congressmen-urge-epa-lower-rfs-ethanol-requirement>

Argus Leader (Souix City, Iowa) - Ethanol feeling loss of its allies - 11/12/13 - Makers of corn-based ethanol have begun to see some of their natural allies line up against them over the industry's environmentally unfriendly side effects. <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20131112/NEWS/311120003>

Brownfield Ag News - Ethanol groups dispute AP report - 11/11/13 - Ethanol groups are criticizing an Associated Press (AP) investigative report on the environmental impacts of ethanol. The AP report claims that U.S. ethanol policy has caused an expansion of cropland in the U.S., including an accelerated conversion of conservation lands. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/11/11/ethanol-groups-dispute-ap-report/>

St. Louis Business Journal (blog) - Microgrid sheds light on solar growth - 11/12/13 - Even with Missouri's solar industry in jeopardy, St. Louis-based Microgrid Solar is planning to expand in a big way. The company, run by CEO Rick Hunter, plans to ramp up its energy-efficiency business, open new offices across the country and tackle larger solar projects for military and government clients. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/BizNext/2013/11/microgrid-sheds-light-on-solar-growth.html>

Bloomberg - Five Bad Arguments From the Coal Industry - 11/11/13 - The logic is pretty straightforward. Carbon dioxide emissions are threatening the planet. In the U.S., coal plants are the second-largest source of those emissions, after transportation. Therefore, the Environmental Protection Agency should impose emissions limits on coal-fired plants. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-11/five-bad-arguments-from-the-coal-industry.html>

Electric Light & Power - Smart grid realizing benefits sooner than expected - 11/11/13 - More than two-thirds of utilities executives believe that the benefits of smart grids and smart meter deployments, which include improved customer service, reliability and outage response, will exceed original industry forecasts, according to a survey by Accenture. <http://www.elp.com/articles/2013/11/smart-grid-realizing-benefits-sooner-than-expected.html>

The Hill (blog) - US Chamber urges support for new bill to thwart EPA climate rules - 11/11/13 - The powerful U.S. Chamber of Commerce is trying to build political momentum behind legislation that would greatly scale back Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carbon emissions rules for new power plants. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/189876-us-chamber-urges-support-for-new-bill-to-thwart-epa-climate-rules>

Midwest Energy News - Utilities say EPA carbon rules could impact rural ratepayers - 11/12/13 - Rural Americans could be big losers if U.S. EPA writes a rigid rule for curbing heat-trapping emissions of carbon dioxide from existing power plants, electric utilities warned the agency in listening sessions on the rule that ended last week. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/11/12/utilities-say-epa-carbon-rules-could-impact-rural-ratepayers/>

Associated Press - Q&A: Ethanol, Oil And What It Means To Be Green - 11/12/13 - Sounds straightforward. Green energy, right? Not really. From the beginning, environmentalists were skeptical of this program. Even people on Obama's environmental team had doubts. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=244666670>

Climate Science Watch - EPA draft Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plans for public comment - 11/11/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has posted for public comment EPA's draft Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plans for 7 National Programs and 10 Regions. <http://www.climatesciencewatch.org/2013/11/11/epa-draft-adaptation-implementation-plans-for-public-comment/>

The Hill (blog) - The week ahead: EPA officials face grilling - 11/11/13 - Senior Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials will be in the hot seat this week during back-to-back House hearings on Thursday. EPA's Janet McCabe will testify about the agency's proposed greenhouse gas standards for new power plants. EPA chief Gina McCarthy, who will testify before the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology about the agency's transparency and accountability. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/189829-the-week-ahead-epa-in-the-hot-seat>

The Hill (blog) - US Chamber urges support for new bill to thwart EPA climate rules - 11/12/13 - The powerful U.S. Chamber of Commerce is trying to build political momentum behind legislation that would greatly scale back Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carbon emissions rules for new power plants. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/189876-us-chamber-urges-support-for-new-bill-to-thwart-epa-climate-rules>

Farm Futures - EPA Proposes Stricter Control of U.S. Tributaries, Lakes - 11/12/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a rule in the White House Office of Management and Budget to expand jurisdiction over U.S. tributaries, ponds, lakes and stream. <http://farmfutures.com/story-epa-proposes-stricter-control-tributaries-lakes-0-104742>

Washington Free Beacon - EPA Delays Release of Jackson Emails After White House Review - 11/11/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency delayed releasing emails from former administrator Lisa Jackson's secret account to congressional investigators after conferring with the White House. <http://freebeacon.com/epa-delays-release-of-jackson-emails-after-white-house-review/>

National Journal - Ethanol Producers Nervously Await EPA Ruling on 2014 Target - 11/12/13 - As the Environmental Protection Agency readies next year's renewable-fuel standard, both biofuels producers and gasoline refiners are poised to pounce. No matter where EPA sets the volume requirements for ethanol and other biofuel blends in 2014, the standard is going to face push-back. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/daily/ethanol-producers-nervously-await-epa-ruling-on-2014-target-20131111>

Associated Press - Farm bill could restrict public information - 11/9/13 - Parts of the nation's \$500 billion farm bill that Congress is considering would prohibit the government from disclosing some information about farmers or their employees, possibly preventing people from learning about nearby agricultural and large-scale livestock operations blamed for polluting water or soil. http://journalstar.com/business/local/farm-bill-could-restrict-public-information/article_ea7451cf-0943-5327-9b98-8ad06dffafb6.html

New York Times- A Jolt to Complacency on Food Supply - 11/11/13 - For a look at what climate change could do to the world's food supply, consider what the weather did to the American Corn Belt last year. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/12/science/earth/warning-on-global-food-supply.html>

Huffington Post - Alabama Oil-Train Derailment Raises Questions About Crude Shipment Safety - 11/11/13 - The second explosive oil-train derailment this year, which has finally burned out in rural Alabama, may raise new questions about the safety of the crude-by-rail boom. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/11/11/alabama-oil-train-derailment_n_4252887.html

Reuters - Analysis: Telling secrets to stop burning natural gas in U.S. fracking boom - 11/11/13 - The North American energy industry's reputation for ironclad secrecy is starting to crack as producers discover a little transparency can help save millions of dollars. <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/11/11/continental-flaring-idUKL2N0IP14520131111>

Mother Jones - Look What's Slowing Down Global Warming - 11/11/13 - Climate deniers like to point to the so-called global warming "hiatus" as evidence that humans aren't changing the climate. But according a new study, exactly the opposite is true. <http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2013/11/cutting-emissions-really-does-slow-global-warming-study-finds>

The Tennessean (Nashville) - Report: Coal ash polluting groundwater at TVA sites - 11/7/13 - The Tennessee Valley Authority has polluted groundwater supplies around all of its coal-fired power plants – including ones near Gallatin and Clarksville, a national environmental group concluded in a report released Thursday. <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20131107/NEWS01/311070031>

Environmental Leader - DOE Argues for Carbon Capture's Viability - 11/12/13 - The Obama Administration continues to make the argument – crucial for its carbon standards for power plants – that carbon capture is a bankable technology. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/12/doe-argues-for-carbon-captures-viability/>

E&E Daily - McCarthy to discuss agency transparency - 11/12/13 - House Republicans this week will ask U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to defend her agency's work on improving transparency and address questions on a host of issues. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990288/feed>

E&E Daily - Panel sets vote on pro-coal bill, contentious public lands measures - 11/12/13 - The House Natural Resources Committee is set to vote Thursday on legislation meant to block the Obama administration's ongoing and controversial rulemaking to protect waterways from coal mining. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059990287/feed>

Greenwire - Points of contention emerge as EPA sifts comments on 'connectivity' report - 11/8/13 - A technical report looking at questions scientists had hardly thought to

ask two decades ago has drawn more than 57,000 public comments that lay out key points of contention in a major rulemaking to determine the reach of the Clean Water Act. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059990228/feed>

ClimateWire - Trying to build a better bridge between climate science and policy - 11/8/13 - There is a wide gap between climate science and the adaptive policies that put preparation and management into place, says a report published today in the journal Science. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059990197/feed>

ClimateWire - Survey shows slow erosion of climate change skepticism among Iowa farmers - 11/8/13 - The number of growers in Iowa who believe in human-linked climate change has increased since 2011, while the number of those who think there is not enough evidence to prove man-made global warming is dropping, according to a survey of 852 farmers. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059990195/feed>

Washington Post - Cellulosic ethanol, once the way of the future, is off to a delayed, boisterous start - 11/8/13 - The “now hiring” sign is up online for Emmetsburg, Iowa, where the nation’s largest maker of ethanol used for motor fuel is putting the final touches on a manufacturing plant that will rely not on corn, but on the stalks and cobs left behind. http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/cellulosic-ethanol-once-the-way-of-the-future-is-off-to-a-delayed-boisterous-start/2013/11/08/a1c41a70-35c7-11e3-8a0e-4e2cf80831fc_story.html

Christian Science Monitor - Nuclear fuel: How to store it safely - 11/9/13 - The technical aspects for safe and effective used nuclear fuel management are well understood, Franch writes. We know in astounding detail the characteristics of used nuclear fuel, and how to design systems and protections to assure proper containment and safeguards. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/1109/Nuclear-fuel-How-to-store-it-safely>

Charlotte Business Journal (N.C.) - Carbon-eating algae pilot shows promise at Duke Energy plant - 11/11/13 - A pilot project at Duke Energy’s East Bend plant in Kentucky is demonstrating how using algae to remove carbon dioxide from coal plant emissions could support commercial manufacturing of biofuels, fertilizer and other products. http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/power_city/2013/11/algae-pilot-to-cut-carbon-emissions.html

ClimateCentral - Coal Industry Joins Long Line in Bid to Shape EPA Rules - 11/11/13 - As the Environmental Protection Agency moves ahead with plans to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants — primarily coal-fired power plants — the coal industry and those wanting the U.S. to curb its greenhouse gas emissions are pushing to shape the new regulations before they’re written. <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/coal-industry-joins-long-line-in-bid-to-shape-epa-rules-16727>

National Hog Farmer - Administration Nears Decision on Ethanol Policy - 11/12/13 - The U.S. government may be about to reduce the federal requirement for blending ethanol into fuel, which has major ramifications for farm states, food prices and energy, according to a report yesterday in Politico. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/environment/administration-nears-decision-ethanol-policy>

BNA - Cross-State Rule Violated Principles Of Federalism, States Tell Supreme Court - 11/11/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency violated the principles of cooperative federalism when it issued federal plans to curb interstate transport of air pollution from power plants without allowing states an opportunity to develop their own approaches, nine states (including Missouri) told the U.S. Supreme Court. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006036&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b9w8j0&split=0

BNA - OMB Releases Report Detailing Effects Of Shutdown on EPA, Interior Operations - 11/11/13 - The October government shutdown forced the Environmental Protection Agency to delay inspections at about 1,200 sites, according to a report issued by the White House Office of Management and Budget. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006038&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b9z3u4&split=0

BNA - EPA's Standards for Existing Power Plants Should Be Flexible but Tough, Speakers Say - 11/11/13 - Several speakers at an Environmental Protection Agency “listening session” in Seattle to seek guidance on how it should develop rules to limit carbon dioxide from existing power plants said the agency should craft stringent but flexible standards. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006022&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b9f7a4&split=0

BNA - Groups Ask EPA for Timeline Allowing Compliance on Power Plant Limits - 11/11/13 - Unions and coal producers tell EPA the rules establishing carbon emission limits for existing power plants should include a compliance schedule protracted enough to avoid power plant closures and related job losses.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006058&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3c7g1n7&split=0

BNA - Sen. Landrieu Urges DOE to Approve LNG Export Facilities, Downplays Concerns - 11/11/13 - Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) called on the Energy Department to approve more licenses for liquefied natural gas export terminals, saying the marketplace will balance the competing interests of both natural gas producers and consumers.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006030&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3b9q1x0&split=0

BNA - State Agencies Concerned About Lack Of EPA Consultation on Jurisdiction Proposal - 11/11/13 - State water, wetlands, and forestry agencies expressed concern that EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent a proposed rule on clarifying Clean Water Act jurisdiction to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review without consulting them. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38006047&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3c1h9f3&split=0

Inside EPA - EPA Waste Office Identifies 26 Priority Actions In Climate Adaptation Strategy - 11/11/13 - EPA's waste office has identified 26 priority actions to begin implementing across its programs over the next three years to address potential vulnerabilities to climate change. <http://insideepa.com/201311112452450/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-waste-office-identifies-26-priority-actions-in-climate-adaptation-strategy/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - GOP Senator Urges EPA Against New Facility Safety Rules For Fertilizer - 11/8/13 - Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) is urging EPA not to grant calls by Democrats and advocates to add the fertilizer ammonium nitrate to the list of substances regulated under its facility safety rules. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/11/2013/gop-senator-urges-epa-against-new-facility-safety-rules-for-fertilizer/menu-id-128.html>

Inside EPA - Coal Ash Ruling Opens Door To Force Broad EPA Review Of RCRA Rules - 11/8/13 - The federal district court ruling finding EPA has a duty to review its Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) coal ash rules every three years could open the door for groups to sue the agency to force reviews of years-old solid and hazardous waste rules. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/11/2013/coal-ash-ruling-opens-door-to-force-broad-epa-review-of-rcra-rules/menu-id-128.html>

Inside EPA - EPA, Industry In Talks To Settle Challenge To Risk Policy For Waste Units - 11/8/13 - Lawyers for EPA and operators of cement kilns are in talks to settle a legal dispute pending before the agency's Environmental Appeals Board that tests the agency's authority to require operators of hazardous waste combustion units to conduct site specific risk assessments. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/11/2013/epa-industry-in-talks-to-settle-challenge-to-risk-policy-for-waste-units/menu-id-128.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks States' Advice To Improve RCRA Corrective Action Investigations - 11/8/13 - EPA is seeking suggestions from state waste managers on how it might use results from a handful of pilot projects it is conducting aimed at improving the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) facility investigations process. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/11/2013/epa-seeks-states-advice-to-improve-rcra-corrective-action-investigations/menu-id-128.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Aims To Overturn RCRA Program's 'Staid' Image To Justify Funding - 11/8/13 - EPA waste chief Mathy Stanislaus says the agency is looking at ways to bolster the image of the "staid" Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) regulatory program. <http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/11/2013/epa-aims-to-overturn-rcra-programs-staid-image-to-justify-funding/menu-id-128.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Delays Proposed Data Quality Update - 11/11/13 - EPA is suspending a proposed update to its guidance for governing external data in agency decision-making, saying it will consolidate and update a series of previously issued handbooks and rules on the topic before finalizing the revised guide. <http://insideepa.com/201311112452469/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-delays-proposed-data-quality-update/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Claims Deference To Justify Stricter PM NAAQS, Monitoring Network - 11/11/13 - EPA is fighting an industry coalition suit over its decision to tighten its fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) and create a first-time near-road monitoring network for the pollutant. <http://insideepa.com/201311112452512/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-claims-deference-to-justify-stricter-pm-naaqs-monitoring-network/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

***11/13/13** – Native American Heritage Month Event, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/14/13 – SUPR All Hands Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jaci Ferguson, 7310

11/15/13 – Meet and Greet with Colonel Andrew Sexton, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

11/15/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasters – Drought Resilience Partnership Rollout, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/3/13 – SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

11/14/13 – Environmental Protection in Indian Country Training, Regional Office. Contact: Jane Kloeckner, 7235

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/14/13 – SUPR All Hands Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jaci Ferguson, 7310

11/15/13 – Meet and Greet with Colonel Andrew Sexton, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

11/12-13/2013 – Hosting Region 7 Solid Waste Program Directors meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646.

11/13/2013 – Participating in Radon workshop for the Public, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

11/13/2013 – Hosting outreach session with Kansas Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Mark Smith 7876.

11/19-20/2013 – Hosting the RMP codes and standards training, Regional Office. Contact Patrick Bustos, 7969.

11/20-21/2013 – Hosting Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Kansas City, Mo. Contact; Jim Callier, 7646.

11/21/2013 – Attending the Missouri Air Conservation Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

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None

ECO/EJ

11/13-15/13 – Santee Sioux Healthy Homes Training, Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

11/14-15/13 – Carter Carburetor Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Johnson, 7480

12/4 – 12/6/13 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: DeAndré Singletary, 7373

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None

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11/13/13 - State of Missouri Regional Certification Committee Business Networking Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/13/13 – Greening America's Capitals Public Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Tegan Vaughn, 7326

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board Annual Small Business Roundtable Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/19/13 - Federal Executive Board and Chamber of Commerce Small Business Planning Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

11/21/13 - GovFest Government Business Services Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549

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***11/14-15/13** – Carter Carburetor Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7394 and Chris Whitley, 7394

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11/20-22/13: Oversight of pre-construction activities West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

11/20/13: Public availability session to discuss DOD vapor intrusion investigation St. Louis Ordnance Plant, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

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***11/13/13** – Water Environment Federation Four-State Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

11/18/13 - National Capacity Development & Operator Certification Workshop, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob Dunlevy, 7798

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